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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 16-121WATTS, HOFFMANN, FISHER & HEINKE CO., L.P.A.
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Cleveland, Ohio 44199-0839JC997 U.S. PTO
10/091888Assistant Commissioner for Patents
BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Washington, D.C. 20231**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**Transmitted herewith for filing is the PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Dennis A. BorugianFor (Title): **SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED TRAILER
UNCOUPLING**

This new application is for a(n):

☒ Original ☐ Design ☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

Papers enclosed are:

- 26 Pages of Specification
- 4 Pages of Claims
- 1 Pages of Abstract
- 10 Sheets of Drawings (☒ formal/ ☐ informal)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Other
- ☒ Declaration or Oath (☒ executed by inventor(s))
- ☐ Applicant is a Small Entity
- ☒ Assignment to Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.
- ☒ Cover sheet for Assignment accompanying new patent application

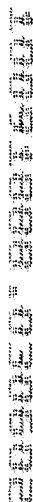
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Claim For Benefit of Prior US Provisional Application - 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

XXX The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior US provisional application(s) :

<u>60/332,660</u>	<u>November 19, 2001</u>
Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

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___ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application. Amend the Specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This is a

- ___ continuation
- ___ continuation-in-part
- ___ divisional

of copending application(s)

___ serial number _____ filed on _____

Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

___ the same.

Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

___ A petition, fee and response extends the term in the pending prior application until _____.

___ A copy of the petition filed in prior application is attached.

Abandonment of Prior Application (if applicable)

___ Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application copending with said prior application.

Fee Calculation

CLAIMS AS FILED				
Number filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee	
			\$740.00	
Total Claims	23	-20= 3	x \$18.00=	54.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3= 1	x \$84.00=	84.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any	\$280.00=			

Total Filing Fee Calculation \$ 878.00

___ Design Application Filing Fee Calculation \$___


___ Filing Fee for a Small Entity (50%) \$___

XX Fee for Recording Assignment (\$40) \$ 40.00

XX Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 918.00

___ Charge Deposit Account No. 23-0630 in the amount of \$___

x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0630.


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